

The background features a stylized landscape with rolling hills and mountains in various shades of orange and brown. A winding path is visible in the lower right. The text is centered over a light orange rectangular area.

# THE PSALMS

*Pursuing God  
in Mountains  
and Valleys*

# *Our Worship of God*

*October 10, 2021*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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**Welcome**

Pastor Michael McEntyre

**†Call to Worship (based on Psalms 27:4)**

The psalmist sings,  
One thing I asked of the Lord,  
That I will seek after:  
To live in the house of the Lord  
All the days of my life,  
To behold the beauty of the Lord  
And to inquire in God's temple.  
Siblings in Christ, God is good,  
And in love and mercy, greets us here.

**†Opening Hymn 77**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

### Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,

be gracious to me and answer me!

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!  
If my father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will take me up.  
Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.  
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Pastoral Prayer (inspired by Psalm 27)

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Light-giving, salvation-making God,  
we have staked our living and our dying  
and our being raised to new life  
on your steadfast love and faithfulness.

You have promised  
to hide us in your shelter in the day of trouble.

You have promised to set us high on a rock,  
above those powers and forces  
that batter us,  
that tempt us,  
that work against us.

We have sought your presence here,  
listening for your Word:  
your Word that gives life;  
your Word that heals the wounded heart;  
your Word that speaks truth.

Teach us your Way, O Lord Jesus.  
Lead us on a well-lighted path.  
In the times when you are silent,  
grant us the courage to wait...

*Silence is kept as we reflect on Psalm 27,  
which encourages us to “wait for the Lord.”  
In what ways are you waiting for the Lord, right now?*

...trusting in your grace that brings your resurrection power  
to our dead ends.

You are doing a ‘new thing’ among us.  
though, it is hard to see at times what that ‘new thing’ is.

We bring to you our grieving over what is being lost,  
our fears about what the future might hold,  
our desire to love and serve you.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
you are refining us,  
pulling us forward as we follow Jesus  
in this new world.

Grant us mercy and grace  
to trust you more deeply,  
for the only secure place is with you,  
our light and our salvation,  
the stronghold of our life.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus,  
the first-born of your new creation  
our hope, our life. Amen.

## **Sharing of Our Gifts**

**†Hymn of Assurance 502**

Amazing Grace

**Message**

Rev. Dr. Wallace Hartsfield

†Hymn of Response 486

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Life of the Church

Pastor Michael McEntyre

†Benediction (responsive)

Go from this place knowing  
the Lord is our light and salvation

**whom shall we fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives

**of whom shall we be afraid?**

We go trusting

**we will see the goodness of the Lord**

**in the land of the living. Amen.**

†Postlude

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

arr. Thompson

Karen Zeferino, *piano*

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# Worship Notes

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**Rev. Dr. Hartsfield, II** is the Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Senior Pastor at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church (MMBC) of Kansas City, MO, and acts as the CEO of Field of Hearts Productions, a musical production company began as a joint venture between him and his wife. Rev. Dr. Hartsfield earned a PhD in Hebrew Bible at Emory University in 2005 after having earned his MDiv at the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, GA, in 1990. Rev. Dr. Hartsfield is musically gifted as well, with a BA in Music from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

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*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. Music: *Emeurten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665.

*Pastoral Prayer (inspired by Psalm 27)* ~ written by Christine Jerrett, and posted on Christine Jerrett: Reflections on being the Church in God's new creation.

<http://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/tag/prayer/>

*Amazing Grace*, Words: John Newton, 1779, alt.; st. 5, anonymous. Music: Virginia Harmony, 1831. Adapt. Edwin O. Excell, 1900.

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, Words: Frederick W. Faber, 1862. Music: Lizzie S. Tourjée

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, October 10

### Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield II

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

3:00 pm Young Adult Second Sunday Fellowship at Shryocks Callaway Farms

## Monday, October 11

Noon & 6:30 pm Native Book Discussion

-Noon on the front lawn or 6:30 pm via Zoom

## Tuesday, October 12

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room and via Zoom

## Wednesday, October 13

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, October 14

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

## Sunday, October 17

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

1:00 pm Racial Justice Team Meeting in the Conference Room

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# Announcements

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## Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a visitor card at [fbc-columbia.org/guest](http://fbc-columbia.org/guest) or use this QR code.



## Native Book Discussion – October 11

One of the First Baptist Summer One Reads was *Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God*, by Kaitlin B. Curtice. If you haven't read the book yet, there's still a few weeks left before we meet to discuss it. It's a fast read with plenty to think about. We'll discuss the book on October 11, which is Indigenous People's Day. Julie Walker and Lynne Lampe will lead the conversation. Because it's hard to find a time that works for everyone, they'll hold two sessions: a brown-bag lunch at noon on the front lawn of the church or 6:30 pm via Zoom. Please choose one time and let Lynne know your choice ([llampe.editor@gmail.com](mailto:llampe.editor@gmail.com)) so she can send the Zoom link to those who need it. If the weather is bad, the noon group will meet inside the church. Hope to see you there!

## Racial Justice Team Monthly Discussions

Our next monthly gathering will take place Sunday, October 17, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. The First Baptist Racial Justice Team extends an invitation to anyone (High school age youth and adult) who wishes to participate in our monthly discussions, as we actively pursue what it means to be an anti-racist. If you would like to receive a discussion outline prior to the meeting, remote Zoom access, or if you have any questions, please email team member, Julie Walker at [jbethwalker58@gmail.com](mailto:jbethwalker58@gmail.com).

## First Baptist Hiking Club - October 24

Sunday, October 24 will be the next hike. We are doing a moderate 3.5 mile hike at Hart Creek Conservation Area, which is just 30 minutes south of Columbia. For more info contact Kimberly Moeller at [knmoelle@gmail.com](mailto:knmoelle@gmail.com) or Misty Phillips at [mistya2014@gmail.com](mailto:mistya2014@gmail.com).

## First Families Pumpkin Party - October 24

Our next First Family event is right around the corner. With cooler weather approaching, we are excited to welcome all things fall with a First Families pumpkin party! Families are invited to the front lawn for some pumpkin-themed games, pumpkin painting contest, treats, and more.

## All Music Sunday - October 24

Join us on Sunday, October 24 for a morning of music and worship. As our Psalm series concludes, we look forward to singing a new psalm during both services. Join the praise band during the 9:15 am service as we sing some of our favorite contemporary songs and hear some beautiful new ones. Or sing your favorite hymns in the 11:15 am traditional service and hear musical offerings by the choir, organ, and handbells. We give thanks for the gift of music and look forward to All Music Sunday.

## Red Cross Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED Training - November 21

On November 21, First Baptist is hosting an Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED training by the Red Cross. The training costs \$100.00 and completion of the course provides a 2 year certification. The CPR/AED training is from 12:30-4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Currently, we have 14 spots available for those who would like to take part in the wonderful opportunity. To sign up, contact the church office by November 14. Spots are limited.



**First Baptist Church**  
columbia, mo

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*Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor*

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